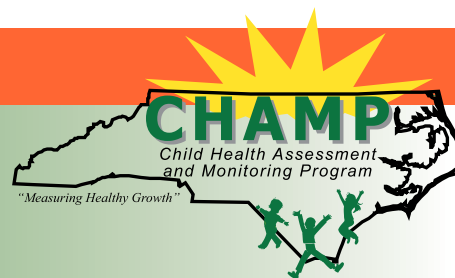


# Children Insured Through NC Health Choice (Ages 6 to 17 Years)

## — North Carolina 2007–2009



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Ninety-four percent of parents surveyed in North Carolina reported that their child (ages 6 to 17 years) is currently covered under some type of health insurance plan. Among children currently insured, 6 percent are covered through NC Health Choice (known as CHIP [Child Health Insurance Program] at the Federal level), a free- or reduced-price health care program for children ages 6 to 17 years. This report compares demographic characteristics, health care, and health status of children with health care coverage through NC Health Choice to all children in the state, ages 6 to 17 years. All statistics are based on parental report.

		<b>NC Health Choice %</b>	<b>State %</b>
<b>Demographic Characteristics</b>			
Racial Background	White	48.5	65.0
	African American	33.5	22.4
	Other Racial Background	18.0	12.5
Ethnicity	Hispanic	13.6	9.5
Parental Education	Less Than High School Education	13.9	6.4
	High School Degree	30.1	18.3
	Some College Education	34.0	25.3
	College Degree	22.0	50.0
<b>Health Care</b>			
Insurance Coverage Consistency	Lacking Consistent Insurance Coverage in Past Year	14.5	7.6
Usual Source of Care	Most Often Visit a Doctor's Office	81.9	86.8
	Most Often Visit a Public Health Center	8.8	4.9
	Most Often Visit a Hospital (Outpatient, Emergency Room, Urgent Care)	9.1	6.6
Personal Doctor	Health Professional Who Knows the Child Well and is Familiar with the Child's Health History	81.3	81.2
Preventive Health Care	Preventive Medical Visit in the Past Year	76.0	78.8
<b>Health Status</b>			
General Health	Parental Rating of Fair or Poor Health	5.5	4.1
Asthma	Told by Doctor that Child has Asthma (Current)	11.7	10.4
Special Needs	Elevated Need for Medical Care, Mental Health, or Educational Services	13.9	11.7
	Due to a Chronic Medical, Behavioral, or Other Health Condition		
Weight Status <sup>†</sup>	Overweight (Ages 10–17 Years)	21.4	18.0
	Obese (Ages 10–17 Years)	25.5	15.5

\* For a detailed report, see: Miles DR, Sexton CM, Margolis LH, Sanderson M. Children's health care coverage and children's health 2007–2009: A report from the North Carolina Child Health Assessment and Monitoring Program. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, October 2010. Available at: [www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/pdf/CHAMP\\_Health\\_Care\\_Report\\_2007-09.pdf](http://www.schs.state.nc.us/SCHS/pdf/CHAMP_Health_Care_Report_2007-09.pdf).

<sup>†</sup> Weight status is estimated from parental report of height and weight, and based BMI percentiles calculated from the 2000 CDC growth charts by age and sex and defined as: overweight = BMI between 85<sup>th</sup> to 94<sup>th</sup> percentile, obese = BMI ≥ 95<sup>th</sup> percentile. Several procedures are used to increase accuracy of parental report of child's height and weight including a height/weight follow-up. Please see full report for further details.